

## Call for Proposals

The Federal Subsistence Board is accepting proposals to change Federal Subsistence Management Regulations for the harvest of wildlife (*not fish*) on Federal public lands in Alaska. This is the first step in the development of regulations for the July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, regulatory year.

### *What regulation changes can be proposed?*

- Federal subsistence hunting and trapping seasons
- Harvest limits
- Methods and means of harvest
- Customary and traditional use determination
- Individuals who live in resident zone communities of National Parks and National Monuments and people who already hold a Section 13.44 subsistence use permit may submit a proposal for an individual C & T use determination.

There are Federal subsistence seasons for arctic fox, beaver, black bear, brown bear, caribou, coyote, deer, elk, goat, grouse, hare, land otter, lynx, marten, mink, moose, muskrat, muskox, ptarmigan, red fox, sheep, weasel, wolf, and wolverine.

Federal Subsistence Management Regulations apply only on Federal public lands in Alaska. These lands include national wildlife refuges; national parks, monuments, and preserves; national forests; national wild and scenic rivers; and national conservation and recreation areas. These lands also include lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management which are not part of the national conservation system. The regulations do not apply on State of Alaska lands, private lands, or Federal lands that have been selected by the State or Native corporations.

### *How to submit a proposal:*

- Refer to the current tan-covered regulations booklet, *Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska*.
- Complete the proposal form found on the other side of this page. If you choose not to use the form, please respond to all the questions in your proposal.
- If you would like the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council in your area to review your proposal, attend the Council's meeting this fall (call 800/478-1456 for a schedule). Arrangements can be made to have the Regional Council review your proposal if you can't attend the meeting.
- **Send the completed form by 5 p.m. on October 26, 2001**, to the Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, AK 99503. Fax to 907/786-3898. Email to [bill\\_knauer@fws.gov](mailto:bill_knauer@fws.gov) (ask for return receipt).
- A copy of the Final Rule is available on the Office of Subsistence Management Internet Home Page at [www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html](http://www.r7.fws.gov/asm/home.html) or by calling 800/478-1456.
- **If you have any questions, call 800/478-1456** (TTY available at 907/786-3595).

### *What happens when a proposal is submitted?*

The proposals will be published for public comment in November. Board staff will evaluate the biological and cultural implications of each proposed regulation change. The Regional Councils will meet in February and March to develop recommendations on the proposals and to hear public testimony. The Board will hold a public meeting in the spring to consider the proposals, and new regulations will take effect on July 1, 2002.

**Proposal Form** (Attach additional pages if you need more space to answer the questions).

Your Name and Organization:

Mailing address:

Daytime telephone:

Fax number:

This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal subsistence date(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Methods and means of harvest                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest limit(s)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Customary and traditional use determination(s) |

1. What regulation do you wish to change?  
(Include unit number(s) and species, and, if possible, quote the current regulation.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How should the new regulation read?  
(Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why should this regulation change be made?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

**Answer questions 6 - 9 ONLY if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.**

6. Which communities have used this resource?

7. Where has the resource been harvested?  
(Indicate specific areas if possible.)

8. In what months has the resource been harvested?

9. Is there any additional information that supports your proposal, such as how the resource is processed, the extent that it is shared, other resources harvested by the communities, how knowledge of hunting is passed down, or any other information?

**Submit this form by 5 p.m., October 26, 2001.**  
(See reverse side of this page for more information)